

## ABSTRACT

An information management system allowing the improved efficiency of data transfer in a network composed of a server and a plurality of clients is disclosed. The server stores a structured document to be shared among the clients and each of  
5 the clients stores a duplication of the structured document. When a part of the structured document is updated, the server notifies the clients of an update of the structured document using an updated minimum unit of the structured document including the updated portion of the structured document.